

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Sadao KAKENO

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SERIAL NO: New Continuation Application

EXAMINER:

FILED: Herewith

FOR: PLANETARY DIFFERENTIAL GEAR TYPE REDUCTION DEVICE, DRIVING DEVICE WITH A  
REDUCTION MECHANISM AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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SIR:

☒ Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 10/207,160, filed July 30, 2002, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.

☐ Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed

☒ Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	2001-231407	July 31, 2001

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

☐ are submitted herewith

☐ will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

☒ were filed in prior application Serial No. 10/207,160 filed July 30, 2002

☐ were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number  
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

☐ (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

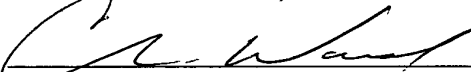
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